

Dear Church family,

We will have In-person and Online Worship on **Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10am.**

Online Worship

Website: www.littlefallsumc.org

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@lfumc

You can join Online Worship using your home phone or cell phone.

Call 646-876-9923; enter the Meeting ID 917 9067 6301; and enter the Passcode 139139.

Sunday Scriptures

1 John 4:7-11 and Matthew 22:34-40

Today's Message! 'Love God with All'.

***We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 5th.
Let us commemorate our saints who gave us the legacy of faith!***

***We will have Holy Communion during Sunday Worship on November 5th.
The elements will be given to those who are in the Sanctuary.
Online Folks, please prepare a piece of bread (or a Cracker) and a small
cup of juice (or Water) as the elements of Holy Communion before worship.***

**Good News! Morgan Tullo (the child of Michael and Meaghan Tullo)
will be baptized on November 5th, at Sunday Worship.
Let us celebrate his baptism and bless him in the name of God!**

If you have any concerns and joys and want to share them with the congregation, and ask the church to pray on Sunday, please let me know! You can email, call, or text me. Or you can submit your prayer concerns and joys here: www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer

Your generous financial support is significant and appreciated very much.
We have continued our ministries with your support.

You can support God's ministry in three ways:

1. Put your offerings in the plates at the Offering Station at the in-person Worship
2. Mail your offerings and tithes to the church office: 139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424
3. Make online donations at www.littlefallsumc.org/donation

Again, we appreciate your generosity very much.

Please see the bulletin for other announcements!
Have a good day! See you on Sunday!

Pastor Jin

Little Falls United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service

November 5, 2023 - 10 am



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***“A Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope,
Mission and Outreach Sharing Christ’s Love”***

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

**“I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1)**

Called to Praise

‡Prepare your heart and body for Worship

Greeting & Announcements

- We have ‘**In-Person**’ & ‘**Online Worship**’ on **Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10am.**
- You can join our online worship via YouTube or Facebook. Type “Little Falls United Methodist Church” in the search window on YouTube or Facebook. Please use the link below to join in Online Worship. YouTube: www.youtube.com/@lfumc
- You can join the Online Worship by your phone. Call (646)-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, and Passcode 139139.
- **Holy Communion** – We will have Holy Communion during **Sunday Worship on November 5th, 10am.** If you plan to join us Online service, please prepare Holy Communion elements, Bread (or a cracker) and Grape juice (or water).
- **Holy Baptism - Morgan Tullo (the child of Michael and Meaghan Tullo) will be baptized on November 5th at Sunday Worship.** Let us celebrate his baptism and bless him in the name of God!
- **All Saints Sunday** – We will observe All Saints Sunday on the First Sunday in November, **November 5th.** **Please bring a photo of your saints who showed you the model of Christian faith and gave you the legacy of faith and put the photo on the table at the altar before the service.** We will commemorate them.
- **Prayer Concerns & Joys** – If you would like to share your concerns and joys with the congregation, please email Pastor Jin (jkim@littlefallsumc.org) or complete the online form, www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer.
- **Altar Flowers** – Thank you **Treasured Memories** for providing the flowers **In Memory of Loved Ones.** If you would like to offer the altar flowers, please contact Janet (973) 896-8936 or ladyteddy@aol.com.
- **Fellowship Time after Worship** – Thank you **Tullo Family** for hosting the coffee hour. Let us enjoy a good fellowship time every Sunday after Worship. Please help us with hosting the coffee hour. The Sign-up board is on the table in the Narthex. Please contact Cheryle or Kathy F. if you have any questions about the coffee hour.
- **Stewardship Campaign for the year 2024** – We are on the Stewardship Campaign for our church ministry for the year 2024 on **October 29, 2023.** Our offerings and tithes are an expression of our faith as we put our first priority in God’s ministry in our lives. Our offering and tithes are a form of self-denial, a form of worship, a means of serving, a way of recognizing that all of life is a gift, an attempt to give back, an expression of love and gratitude, and a means of following Jesus. Please participate in this campaign with your generous, faithful hearts. **We will dedicate**

our pledge cards on Sunday, November 26. God Bless you as you fill out the pledge card and mail it back, drop it off at the church, put it in the offering plate, or add it to the Pledge Box on the Narthex.

- **Prayer Meeting** - We will have our Prayer Meeting in **the Chapel at 1:30 pm.** Meeting Dates on **November 8, and December 6.** Terrie and Ken will lead the meeting. Please keep this prayer meeting in your hearts before our Lord, that we are open to his guidance and faithful to follow through.
- **Coffee and Bible** – We will start a new season of *Coffee and Bible* on **Thursday November 30th** at 1 pm, at Lee Lounge. We will study **the *Book of Ecclesiastes*** in the Old Testament in the Bible and have a conversation, having coffee for 12 weeks. Jung Ae will lead the study. Sign up online or contact Jung Ae, cclim92@gmail.com. Please join us!
- **Young Adult & Family Gathering** – We will have a Young Adult and Family Gathering on **Sunday, November 5th, at the parsonage after Fellowship, from Noon to 1:30pm.**
- **Baked Potato Dinner – Thank you everyone for your help & Support!**
- **Holiday Fair** – We will have our annual Holiday Fair at church **on November 18th from 10 am to 3 pm.** Please Join us! Help us! Invite all to the Holiday Fair!
- **Treasured Memories** – “Treasured Memories” is a grief group for those who have lost their loved ones. The ongoing meeting gathers every **2nd Wednesday of the month** in Lee Lounge at 7 pm. Contact Allison for details (973) 800-4152.
- **Kids & Youths For Christ** – The next meeting will be held at 5 pm on **Thursday, November 16.** Kids & Youths For Christ is a program for Kindergarten to grade 12 of Christian education and fun activities. K.Y.F.C. will get together every first and third Thursday from **September 21, 2023 to June 6, 2024.** All Students are welcome!
- **Thanksgiving Baskets** – UMW gives Thanksgiving Baskets to the clients of the food pantry every year. Linda T. is starting to collect food for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please contact her to sign up.
- **Online Donation** – Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click ‘Donation.’ The link is www.LittleFallsUMC.org/donation. Your financial support and generosity are greatly appreciated and essential for our church ministry and mission. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings to Little Falls UMC (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424). You can send your offerings and tithes to the church every week. Or you can send offerings and tithes for a month with a check. Thanks again for your generosity!
- **Shoprite Gift Card** – To purchase a Shoprite gift card, contact Pete (973) 595-5765 or detroit50@aol.com.

- **Kohl's Gift Card** – We are selling Kohl's Gift Card. Contact Allison.
- **LFUMC FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED** - Many families depend on the Food Pantry on a regular basis. The Pantry needs the following non-perishable items; canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, adult/children's cereal, pasta & sauce, instant potatoes/rice, tuna, chicken, sardines, fruit, apple sauce, juice, and granola bars.
- **SOCKS FOR SOULS - Do your feet get cold?** Please help Unity Circle to provide new or gently used socks to the homeless. There is a constant need. Please drop off your socks in the large white sock in the Narthex.
- **Ongoing Collection** - UMW collects postmarked stamps, can pull tabs, and the front of greeting cards (No Hallmark). Items are donated to different charities and organizations.
- **The UMW is collecting lunchbox snacks and juice boxes for CUMAC and Oasis during the month of October.** Donations can be placed on the marked table in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for supporting this mission project!
- **Emergency Pastoral Care from Nov. 6th to 12th** – Pastor Jin will go on vacation from Nov. 6th to 12th. Rev. Park, the pastor of Caldwell UMC, will provide pastoral care during the time if you need. Please contact Scott Fitzgerald (917-647-9164, sfitzgerald@GFNET.com) if you need emergency pastoral care. Scott will call the pastor for you.

‡Call to Worship

Leader: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

All: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.

‡Praise Song

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

Verse 1

Shall we gather at the river
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

Chorus
Yes we'll gather at the river
The beautiful the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God

Verse 2
On the margin of the river
Washing up its silver spray
We will talk and worship ever
All the happy golden day

Verse 3
Ere we reach the shining river
Lay we ev'ry burden down
Grace our spirits will deliver
And provide a robe and crown

Verse 4
Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

Children's Time All Saints Sunday

‡Hymn of Prayer Lead Me, Lord UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only
that makest me dwell in safety.

Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession

Prayers of the People (Response: God, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.)

In our troubles and concerns, Lord, we need your presence and comfort. We have so many fears and anxieties. Our hearts break and are burdened with the illnesses and grief of loved ones. We hear the news of disaster and catastrophe in this world and wonder how much of this we can stand. In our troubles and trials, Lord, remind us that we have your strength on which to rely. As we have faithfully brought before you the names of loved ones in need of your healing and comfort, remind us that we too are recipients of that same healing love. Strengthen us. Walk with us, Lord. Lift us high and give us confident strides as we follow your will and your path. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Called to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

All: Amen

NT Lesson

Hebrews 11:17-28

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” ¹⁹ He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, “bowing in worship over the top of his staff.” ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

The Faith of Moses

²³ By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king’s anger, for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

This ends the NT Lessons.

Let us turn to the Gospel Lesson. Please stand, if able.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’s seat; ³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶ They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues ⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all

brothers and sisters. ⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Following the Faith of Our Saints

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

Good morning, Church family! I hope you had a blessed day in God's love and grace last week. Last Sunday, we considered the greatest commandment: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Did you take time to think about how you love God and express your love for God? I hope we love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, not a part of a little of our whole being. God always loves us with all God is, all God has, and all God can do. Let us express our love for God to God as God expresses God's love for us all the time.

This morning, we observe All Saints Sunday. To commemorate our saints, I asked you to bring the photos of them. Thanks for bringing photos. Also, you participated in the leaf sale writing your loved one's name on it and that helps the people in need through the mission project. My understanding is that the circle will donate your donation to the Salvation Army to help people in need. Thanks for your help and support. They in the photos and whose names are on the leaves are our loved ones who loved us and who we still love. They finished their journey on earth and now are in the kingdom of God.

Think about your loved ones. Who were they? What memories do you have? Did they love you, care for you, and help you? I believe that they loved you so much, cared for you so much, and taught you many things in your lives. I believe they and their lives influenced you and your lives a lot in many ways. And, as you are influenced by them, you would keep their lifestyles, the values in their lives, and family traditions that they kept or established.

This morning, I want us to focus on the faith that they showed us and influenced us as we observe All Saints Sunday. What faith did they show you? How did they lead you and help you to have faith in God and go on your faith journey?

My grandmother on my mother's side was a faithful woman. As a single mom of four kids, her life was not easy but dedicated herself to her children. The most value for her was faith in God. She raised her children in faith and all of them have faith. She brought her kids to church every Sunday. Lead, help, and serve the church ministry a lot. Her children's faith grew in God, and they have been involved in the church ministry a lot and grandchildren raised in faith also. She attended all worship services, Sunday worship, Wednesday night service, Friday night service, daily early morning prayer service, and other special worship services. Even though she became homebound because she couldn't walk, she spent her whole day reading the Bible and praying for her children, grandchildren, others, and the church. All her children have followed her faith since they were young. And they are keeping the faith now in each of their churches. Faith is the greatest legacy of my grandmother for her children and grandchildren.

One of her teachings for her children for their faith journey is offerings and tithes. As a single mother of four children, she was not wealthy or did not have enough finances, but she did her

best for offerings and tithes. She did more than tithes and she educated her children to do offerings and tithes with cheerful and generous hearts. My mother told me that Grandmother always talked to her children, "God bless us a lot so we should give what God gives us." All her children have been keeping the legacy of faith by doing offerings and tithings along with other means of grace.

Church family, What legacy of faith did your saints give you? Your saints gave you faith in God. Your presence in the worship, other ministries, and in the church are the fruit of their faith and their legacy. How did they love God? Who did they love the church? How did they commit themselves to the church and faith in God? How did they walk by faith?

Our saints are not only our parents or grandparents who show the example of faithful Christians. All church members who served, helped, and worked for the church ministry were our saints when they were with us on earth. They showed us their faith by practicing their faith in God and gave us the legacy. They gave us the legacy of faith through Sunday school, confirmation class, mission projects, and others. They showed good examples of how to live our lives, walking by faith. We learned faithful Christian life from them and now carry out our faith. We call them saints because they walked by faith in their life journey, and we see many things that we can learn from them regarding the faith journey.

As we read Hebrews 11, the Bible describes how people walked by faith. For example, by faith, Abraham left his homeland. By faith, Moses followed God's word and led the Israelites from Egypt to the promised land. The author of Hebrews wanted his audience to listen to how their saints lived out their lives in the faith in God. By telling the stories, the author wanted his congregation to learn from them and walk by faith in their life journey. Through many stories of people in the Bible, who walked by faith in their life journey, we can learn how to live out our lives in faith in God. We can see the directions for our faith journey. This is why we have to read the Bible. And this is why we have to remember the faith that our saints showed us and taught us.

Church family, let us follow the faith of our Saints. Let us follow the legacy of faith. They showed us examples of faithful Christian life. Let us keep the legacy of faith and follow the legacy of faith. When we follow the legacy of faith, our kids and other people will have faith and keep the faith. We will be their Saints someday. Let us keep walking by faith! Amen.

A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day

Written by Safiyah Fosua

**We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.**

**We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Used as wave offerings across the land.**

**We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.**

**Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone
before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication,
worship, and love.**

Holy Baptism

Morgan Silas Tullo

THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION

Response 1

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Response 2

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Response 3

Amen

Called to Share

Response to Our Generous God

‡Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

‡Prayer of Dedication

**ALL: God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to
you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before
us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness.
May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your
compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid
the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of
our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Called to the World

Come, let us join our friends above, who have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,
For all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one.

One family we dwell in Him, one church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death;
One army of the living God, to His command we bow;
Part of His host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

Ten thousand to their endless home this solemn moment fly,
And we are to the margin come, and we expect to die.
His militant embodied host, with wishful looks we stand,
And long to see that happy coast, and reach the heavenly land.

Our spirits too shall quickly join, like theirs with glory crowned,
And shout to see our Captain's sign, to hear His trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide! O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide, and land us all in heaven.

‡Benediction

Rev. Jin Kook Kim

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen